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Moving the Line in Honduras

Article in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (11-28) by columnist Clovis Rossi notes: ".....So far, we have stood by, lets' say, the 'good people' [on the Honduran issue]. It is correct to repudiate a coup, it is correct to insist that the ousted President return to power, and it is correct to say that elections, in order to have legitimacy, cannot be undertaken with an illegitimate government. I'm the biggest fan of principles.....But to insist on them - and only on them - when the reality goes in another direction is merely to mark a stance of what is worth in the academic world, but not for governments.....Insisting in denying the reality contradicts.....a series of acts and words of President Lula....The entire truth is that elections were not summoned by the coup makers; they have always been in place. Neither were the candidates imposed by the coup makers. They were already in place....It is time to recognize that the reality is the only truth."
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